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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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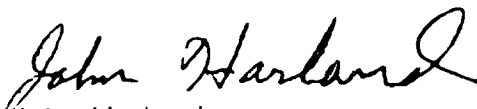
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was very glad to see that after three long years of legal battles, Microsoft and the Department of Justice came to a settlement on the anti-trust suit. The current agreement requires Microsoft to compromise on many issues while still allowing for a competitive market. While Microsoft may be giving up a great deal, it believes that to settle the suit now would be beneficial to the IT industry.

Those that continue to seek further litigation are only spending tax dollars on a battle that has already been won. This settlement is fair and reasonable to Microsoft competitors and consumers alike. Microsoft will allow its competitors access to sensitive coding and software information. This access will make it easier for computer manufacturers to remove Microsoft programs from Windows and replace them with other companies' products. The settlement will create an oversight board that will ensure Microsoft complies with the settlement.

It is apparent that Microsoft isn't getting off easy with this settlement. I support the agreement, and hope it is implemented as quickly as possible so that Microsoft can reclaim its leadership role in the information technology sector.

Sincerely,



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